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## District council approve £200k for protection works at Cobb

WEST Dorset District Council has approved £200,000 funding towards the final phase of the ongoing coastal protection works in Lyme Regis, which will include strengthening and renovation of the historic Cobb.

The council's Executive Committee approved the funding on December 15th after officers advised that moving forward with the final phase would enable the grade I listed Cobb to remain in safe use as an historic

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harbour and a vital part of the town's coastal defences.

The report given to councillors stated: "The Cobb is a working harbour, an important historic structure, a major tourist attraction and a fundamental element of the town's coast defences. The harbour structures, with their rock extensions, form a bay which protects

the town frontage from storm waves and keeps the sand and shingle beaches stable.

"Progressive movement of the structure is ongoing and this is apparent in longitudinal cracking and slab separation in both the low and high walkways as the main wall gradually spreads. Cracks and damage to wall facing are also apparent and raise concern over loss of core material and sudden collapse during storm conditions."

The district council has promoted restoration and strengthening of the Cobb as Phase V of the coastal protection works since the early 1990s.

The report explained that Defra approved the Lyme Regis Coast Protection Strategy in 2003, but this agreement excluded the estimated capital cost of £3.5million for Phase V, pending the council's consideration of alternative funding sources "given that much of the cost is for heritage/tourism purposes rather than coast protection".

The report continued: "Major strengthening work to parts of the structure, comprising piling and underpinning of sections of the footings, re-

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The View From team get into Christmas spirit for charity - see page 7

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# PSCO bids farewell to the force

POLICE and Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Burton has spent his last day on the beat, having left the police force after 20 years.

John first started working for Dorset Police in December 1996 when he was sworn in as a Special Constable and stationed at Bridport's original Police Station in St Andrew's Road, now Peelers Court.

Following the closure of the old station, he was moved to the new Tannery Road station and became the Section Officer for the Special Constabulary based there.

Duties often involved policing major events in Lyme Regis, working from the old Hill Road police station site until 2004, including the popular open air disco at the end of Lifeboat Week, which he said was "quite a challenging shift to work on occasions".

In 2007 he became a PCSO with the Lyme Regis Neighbourhood Policing Team, working from the combined emergency services centre on Hill Road, where he spent the rest of his policing career.

John soon became a familiar face around the town and a well-respected member of the Lyme Regis team, but said it is now the "right time to move on" and he worked his last shifts just before Christmas.

Commenting on his policing career, John said: "In my 20 years a few highlights include the arrest of a man dressed as the grim reaper complete with scythe during a protest near Sherborne, which gave me a few seconds of fame on TV as the protest was being

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shown on the BBC early evening Sunday news.

"I can also recall being called out to assist at the major fire at the Northover and Gilberts warehouse in Bridport and more recently the Regent Cinema in Lyme Regis.

"The Beamister Tunnel landslide, Mariners Hotel lorry crash and the Lyme Regis gas leak are among many other notable incidents that also come to mind.

"The most enjoyable part of my career was policing during the unforgettable 2012 Olympic Games and experiencing the crowds welcoming the Olympic flame, not only in Lyme Regis but also the next day in Portland and again at Littlemoor in Weymouth. The rain couldn't dampen the spirit of the crowds who were going to enjoy the experience whatever the weather.

"A career in policing gives you a valuable insight into human behaviour and very often the most harrowing and difficult jobs are a catalyst for the very best in people to come forward and offer help.

"Major incidents in Lyme Regis are no exception and whenever one has occurred during the past 20 years of my career, I have always been amazed at the resilience and resourcefulness of the community here

to rally round and do all that it can to assist those in need.

"I have been proud to serve alongside the community of Lyme Regis and will miss the friendly faces that I see whilst carrying out my patrols."

Speaking on his decision to leave the force, John continued: "I feel that now is the right time to move on, and like Nico Rosberg said this year, he was quitting Formula One whilst he still has something left in the tank!

"As for the future, I will be spending more time with my family and looking after our chickens and horse and I will be considering some alternative part-time job offers.

"I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in Lyme Regis and the surrounding area a safe and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2017."

And John offered one final safety warning for the festive season before his departure, commenting: "One final and very relevant point at this time of year - drink and drug driving affects real people, real families and the whole community. If you are out enjoying a drink, plan how you are getting home without driving and never accept a lift from anyone you believe to have been drinking or under the influence of drugs."



■ **FOND FAREWELL:** PCSO John Burton has stepped down from Dorset Police after 20 years

## COUNCIL DATES

- Tues, Jan 10th 2017 - Planning, 7pm
- Weds, Jan 11th 2017 - Human Resources, 7pm

## Cobb funding the 'best result for Lyme Regis'

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inforcement of the walls with stainless steel rods and masonry repairs, were last carried out in the 1980s. Since then the council has carried out ad-hoc repairs, adding to the patchwork of surfaces making up the low walkway. Some areas are very uneven and it is not always practical to meet conservation requirements and eliminate possible trip hazards. More comprehensive repairs to the surfaces cannot be implemented until the Phase V scheme has been determined.

"Several injuries due to trips are reported each year and the surface is difficult and uncomfortable for wheelchair users. Fish landing facilities are poor.

"Monitoring and structural investigations, partly funded by English Heritage and the Environment Agency, show the structures overall to have been reasonably stable over the last few years and the 1980s strengthening work to be intact and effective.

"The most frequent problem has been storm damage to the low walkway. Heritage requirements and limited maintenance funding make strong, durable repairs difficult and the overall condition of the surfaces has been gradually deteriorating. £170,000 in government emergency grant was spent on repairs and advice from English Heritage following the 2014 storm damage with the repairs also being used as a trial of methods and materials for Phase V."

The council's funding of £200,000 over three years for preparatory work on the proposed scheme will be drawn from corporate project reserves and will be put towards detailed structural studies and monitoring; production and assessment of scheme options; a review of historical reports and preparation of a Statement of Significance and Assessment of Heritage Impact; financial assessment; public consultation; selection and development of a preferred scheme; outline design and estimates; applications for formal consents; production of a Project Appraisal Report; statutory consultation; securing funding/financial contributions; and application to the Environment Agency for formal approval and grant.

Town, district and county councillor Daryl Turner commented: "I'm extremely pleased that the Executive Committee at WDDC have made this decision to allocate the £200,000 especially in the tough financial times all local authorities find themselves in.

"More importantly is the identification of the need to progress this as soon as possible. WDDC hold quite large reserves through years of prudent financial management, however, a large proportion of this is earmarked, and with the future of district councils under

scrutiny with a very real possibility of moving to unitary councils, we must consider that some of these monies should continue to benefit West Dorset residents.

"If the preparatory works can be completed as soon as possible, WDDC could then consider allocating further funding towards the actual works identified.

"This is quite possibly the best result Lyme Regis could have had at this stage."

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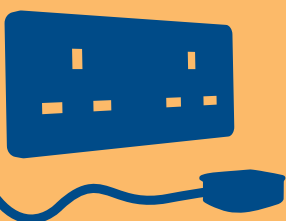
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# Award for town band supporter

A SPECIAL award was given to a keen supporter of Lyme Regis Town Band at its recent Christmas concert.

The Chairman's Award was presented to Robert Poulton, aged 28 from Charmouth, who is currently learning to play percussions with the band, by chairman Paul Snowball (pictured right).

Robert, whose father Geoff and sister Catherine Lancaster are also both in the band, attends weekly practice and is one of the band's main collectors during its summer concerts on the seafront.

A spokesperson for the band said: "He is a popular member of the band and very much part of the team."

"We were very pleased to recognise the contribution Robert makes to the band by presenting him with this award."



## View Family Announcements

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## Duck race to raise funds for Christmas lights

THE traditional New Year's Day duck race will be held once again on January 1st in aid of Lyme Regis Christmas Lights Committee.

Last year, a record 600 ducks were sold in the half hour before the race started and the organisers are hoping to sell even more this year.

Town crier Alan Vian said: "There is always a great atmosphere on this special occasion as Lyme residents and visitors to the town come together for this first event of the year."

"Our lights this Christmas have been admired by everyone and the committee will be working hard to raise enough money to make next year's display just as good."

Ducks will be on sale at the starting line in Windsor Terrace from 11.30am New Year's Day, with the race starting at 12noon. Crowds will then be encouraged to walk to the beach to watch the Rotary Club's Lyme Lunge event at 1pm.



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# Police considering rise in council tax

POLICE and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Martyn Underhill is urging Dorset residents to take part in a consultation which will help him decide whether to freeze or raise the part of the council tax bill which is used to pay for policing in the county.

In the last five years, Dorset Police's budget has been cut by £19million in real terms by central government and will continue to be cut by £1million every year for the next three years.

In Dorset, around half of the police budget comes from the government and the rest is made up from local council tax with the responsibility for setting the cost falling to the locally elected PCC.

Mr Underhill (pictured right) said: "The Chief Constable has formally requested that I raise the precept to allow the force to meet the challenges facing policing. A maximum rise of £3.80 per year in council tax would generate £1.07million income, meaning we would have roughly the same amount of money as this year, taking into account our ongoing government cuts.

"However, we found out today that the government has further reduced the amount they give to us in order to hold back more money for special initiatives.

"When the Chancellor announced in November 2015 that there would be no more cuts to policing, this was based on the expectation that PCCs would raise the policing element of the council tax bill every year until 2019.

"I'd like to thank residents for supporting a rise last year. Without it, the force would have had to lose 23 operational police officers and seven police staff dedicated to frontline operational support."

Last year, more than 4,000 residents responded to the consultation with 82 per cent supporting a rise. This money was invested in:

- Employing extra investigators dedicated to investigating child abuse and protecting vulnerable children;
- Helped to create a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

with partners such as councils and the NHS, to increase joined-up working to protect vulnerable people;

- Increasing the number of officers in the cybercrime intelligence and investigation team, and enhancing the software available to them to identify sexual and violent offenders;
- Recruitment of a dedicated cyber-crime prevention officer to educate businesses and residents on staying safe online;
- Relaunching the Dorset Police website to make it easier to access information, interact with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and to report crime online.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Cooper said: "Last year's precept increase made a real difference to policing in Dorset – helping us to tackle new threats and to improve our use of technology, both in investigations and engagement with the public.

"Again, we are facing financial pressures in real terms. While we'd obviously remain able to respond to emergencies and carry out other critical tasks, budget reductions make it difficult to innovate and improve how we work.

"If Dorset residents support a relatively small rise to council tax contributions, we are again pledging to invest in specific areas that we have been told are important to local people. You would also see these improvements happening quickly over the next year."



If council tax were to be raised in 2017/18, this would be invested in:

- Protecting adults at risk of harm: including enhancing our ability to prevent and investigate abuse of older people, which is a trend in Dorset and nationally;
- Improving our response to common, non-emergency types of crime: investing in Appointment Cars to visit victims and take details at prearranged times
- Continue to embrace new technology: including further enhancements to Dorset Police's website, such as the ability to make payments online rather than by post.

Mr Underhill continued: "Policing requires constant investment to allow officers to keep up with ever

changing techniques being adopted by criminals. However, it is also important we balance the needs of the police service with the financial demands on families in Dorset.

"My office will also be undertaking a number of roadshow events in January 2017, throughout the county, offering residents a further opportunity to let me know what they think."

Following feedback from Dorset residents, the commissioner will put his precept proposals to the Police and Crime Panel on February 3rd 2017 for their comments. Once the commissioner has listened to their views he will make his final decision.

For more information and to respond to the petition, visit [www.dorsetpoliceprecept.com](http://www.dorsetpoliceprecept.com)



## Carol singing at Abbeyfield

RESIDENTS of Abbeyfield in Lyme Regis got into the festive spirit with some carol singing, led by trustee Charles Gould with readings by the Reverend Rosemary Bragg. A spokesperson for Abbeyfield, which provides independent living accommodation for the over 55s, said: "The atmosphere was magical for the residents, staff and friends. Abbeyfield is a community of friendly people, living an independent life together in a safe managed environment without worries and currently has rooms available."

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# Students celebrate sporting success at Woodroffe



THE PE department at the Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis is celebrating several recent successes in a variety of sports.

The department would like to say well done to all students who have taken part in sports across all levels this year, with some having gone on to represent the school in a range of competitions and tournaments.

Sporting successes this year include Year 7s being named area champions in rugby with Year 8s being runners-up, Year 10 reaching Round 4 of the NatWest National Trophy and Year 11 (pictured top right) having their best season yet.

In cross country (pictured top left), Year 11 Ollie Roger was area champion and Phoebe Clarke was under 14s area champion. The under 14s team were named area champions with under 12 boys and girls, under 14 boys, under 16 boys and girls all being runners-up.

In badminton, the under 16 girls and boys and under 14 girls were area winners with under 16 boys runners-up, and in netball the under 16s and under 14s team were both area champions.

Success was also seen in football, with the under 18 boys reaching the quarter finals of the county cup, the under 14 boys and girls (pictured left) both reaching the semi-final.



■ LOCAL residents Tracey West and Jo Fowler would like to thank all those who supported their cake sale in aid of charity Bliss last week. The stall was held outside the Co-operative and raised £123.32 for Bliss, which provides care and support for premature and sick babies and their families.

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# Christmas Jumper Day raises funds for Save the Children

WORKERS and students from Lyme Regis donned their Christmas jumpers earlier this month to raise funds for Save the Children.

Among those to take part in the national fundraising campaign were staff from the View From Newspapers office at St Michael's Business Centre (pictured right), who each paid to wear their Christmas jumper for the day as well as holding cake sales and fundraising games.

Staff at the Lyme Bay Medical & Dental Practice also took part (below) with nurses Nita and Sally switching their normal uniforms to represent the 'National Elf Service'.

Both St Michael's Primary and the Woodroffe School also joined in the festive fun.



## Festive scenes at the Ship Inn

THE Ship Inn in Lyme Regis has been given a festive makeover for the Christmas period. Local artist Brian Mattravers has painted the windows of the Coombe Street pub with a Christmas angel with a ship in the background, and has even included the Ship's resident cat Alfie in one of the window designs. Staff at the Ship would like to wish all their patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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■ THE children at Whitchurch Canonicorum Pre-School, near Charmouth, told the Christmas story through a traditional nativity play. Their one-off performance was held on December 16th, and cast members are photographed on stage.

**If you have a story for Lyme Regis, call Francesca on 01297 446154 or email [francesca@viewnews.co.uk](mailto:francesca@viewnews.co.uk)**

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# Think before you call police

THE festive season is always a busy time for emergency services and, as part of this year's Christmas campaign, Dorset Police is asking residents to think carefully before they call and consider using the 'Do it Online' service available.

Last December, more than 34,000 calls to 101 were received in the Dorset Police force command centre. This is approximately 2,000 calls every day.

Dorset Police ran a six week campaign over the summer months in an effort to reduce call waiting times in the force command centre. an enquiry or report an incident online, and examples of the calls received that are not police matters were published.

These have included people calling for a taxi, asking for directions, reporting issues with seagulls and wanting to report a hairdresser for a bad haircut.

While progress has been made, a large number of calls are still being received to 101 that are for other agencies or not appropriate calls for the police.

Kevin Sargent, Dorset Police operations manager

for contact management, said: "Call handlers work extremely hard answering call after call, politely and helpfully.

"We know that at times there are queues, particularly at our peak times between 4pm and 7pm and we are working to address this. We are constantly recruiting new staff and are about to introduce new shift patterns to reduce waiting times.

"Please carefully consider whether your call is something the police can help with, before picking up the phone.

"For every call we are dealing with that is not a police matter, someone else who needs police assistance has to wait. Thank you in advance for your co-operation during this busy festive period."

Dorset Police are always there to help in an emergency and if a crime is in progress or a life is in danger, always dial 999.

For genuine enquiries, visit [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) and use the Do It Online service or call 101.

## Dorset Police recruiting special constables

RECRUITMENTS to join the Special Constabulary with Dorset Police is now open, and will run until Thursday, January 5th.

Special constables are trained volunteers who provide a valuable link between the police and the local community. With the same powers as regular officers, they work in their free time covering a variety of police duties.

Whilst final numbers will depend on force demand, Dorset Police intends to recruit 32 new special constables to join the Force from April 2017.

Special constables carry out a huge variety of roles, working closely with the community to tackle crime and disorder at a local level.

Dorset Police needs people from diverse backgrounds with different skills and experiences to help deliver excellence in local policing across the county.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson, said: "Volunteers are essential for ensuring that we understand and represent the community that we serve.

"We are looking for committed and conscientious

individuals to join us and help make a real difference to the diverse communities of our county."

Special Inspector Rob Scott, said: "I have now been a special for six years and work within the Alliance Roads Policing Department, where the focus is on reducing the numbers killed or seriously injured on our roads.

"I joined the Special Constabulary to give something back to the community and be part of a team. I continue to walk away from each shift with a sense of achievement that I have made a difference in the time I have been on duty."

Dorset Police will be holding a live web chat on Wednesday, December 21st from 7pm. Potential applicants are encouraged to join the chat and ask existing special constables any questions they might have about the role, or tweet questions in advance using the #DPSpecials

For more information, visit the Dorset Police website at [www.dorset.police.uk/recruitment/special-constabulary/](http://www.dorset.police.uk/recruitment/special-constabulary/)

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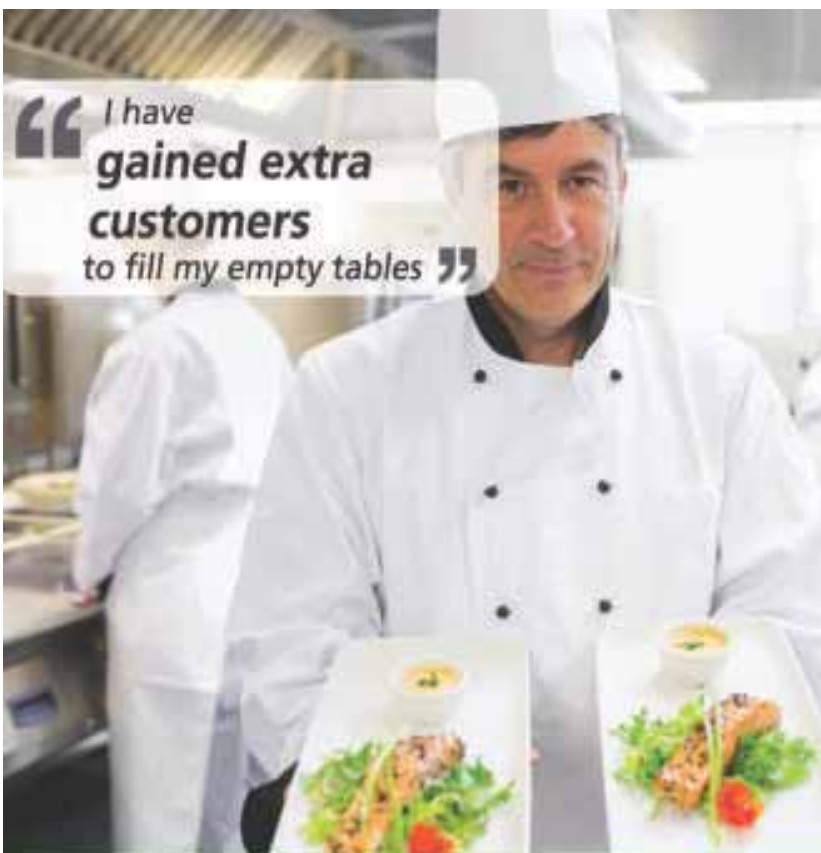
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## Morris men donate to charities



■ AT their last performance of 2016, held on Marine Parade, Uplyme Morris Men donated a cheque to Emma and Mark Voicy in aid of Sands - a charity for which supports bereaved families following stillbirth or neonatal death. The money was raised from performances during the 2016 season, and donations have also been made to charities supporting those with testicular cancer and dementia, as members of the morris men have had family members affected by the illnesses. A spokesperson from the side said: "A big thank you to all the people over the year who donated money to us in our hat!"

## Pre-school children tell Christmas story



THE children of Uplyme Pre-School last week performed their annual nativity play for family, friends and pupils of Mrs Ethelston's Primary School.

The children told the traditional Christmas story in their unique way - with Rosie playing Mary, Mason playing Joseph, Elizabeth the angel and

Phoebe the donkey.

This was the last day of the term for the children, who had a busy week making Christmas decorations, watching the primary school's nativity play, as well as celebrating with a party with a visit from Father Christmas.

## Christmas tea enjoyed at carol service



■ PICTURED above, a full Christmas tea was served to almost 90 people, including the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Owen Lovell, and Mayoress Christine Lovell, at a Carols by Candlelight service held in Bethany Chapel, in Coombe Street, on Sunday, December 18th. The theme of the carols, Bible readings and short epilogue was the divine revelations to various people, including Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and wise men, relevant to the Christmas story.

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What a year it's been! O'briens have been working hard for our customers all year across all the divisions of the company, namely Roofing, Building and Scaffolding, and we are sure a lot of you have seen various different vans travelling around the area.

O'brien Roofing & Leadworks Limited is a family run business based in Bridport, Dorset, and was established in 2003 by Daniel O'Brien.

We are proud to say that we can also offer two further divisions – O'brien Building Services and O'brien Scaffolding, hence now known, in short, as O'briens.

## O'brien Roofing & Leadworks



Originally established, as the name suggests, specialising in roofing and leadwork with numerous local builders, Local Authorities and Housing Associations and gaining a reputation for high quality workmanship.

O'briens specialise in leadwork, welding and bossing, as well as installation and repair of guttering from traditional cast iron gutters to modern UPVC materials. For added peace of mind, customers can also feel safe in the knowledge that the company is approved by the Lead Sheet Association (LSA), who is the foremost independent technical authority on the design, specification and use of rolled lead in the construction industry.

In addition to leadwork, the company undertakes all roof slating and roof tiling work from slipped slates to a complete re-roof, on domestic buildings, churches and commercial units. O'brien is a registered member of The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) who provide insurance backed guarantees for qualifying domestic re-roofs and new work and are consequently accredited to the TrustMark Scheme, a Government endorsed standards scheme.

The NFRC is the UK's largest and longest established roofing trade federation, which requires members to comply with a strict Code of Practice and to install products that comply with British Standards or have a Third Party Accreditation.

Vetting of the company is carried out regularly by both the National Federation of Roofing Contractors as well as the Lead Sheet Association.

In addition, O'briens is also an approved Topseal GRP (Glassfibre Reinforced Polyester) flat roofing installer, which means that all roofing operatives are trained in the system and are fully certified. All roofing contracts carried out using the Topseal system are covered by a 25 year manufacture backed warranty scheme.

O'briens offers the best service possible. All customers are provided with advice and quotations free and without obligation.

All employees are trained to work safely at height and a continuous programme of training is maintained to enable all employees to achieve their NVQ through the South Wales & South West Roofing Training Group.

## Where will it stop . . . The sky is the limit!

When working at heights, ladders can prove dangerous and not ideal for the job in hand, while scaffolding can be expensive and alternative towers are time-consuming to erect. Hazards can then inevitably lead to accidents, or failure to effectively complete the job.

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The company has earned an excellent reputation bringing together some of the most experienced craftsmen in the area to undertake construction and building work to the highest standards.

Clients can be assured that there is an emphasis on balance these being time, cost and quality with our in-house team consisting of Commercial Manager, Quantity Surveyors and Contracts Managers to manage these aspects of any project.

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We are accredited by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) and must meet their strict membership criteria as well as passing their vetting process. We also follow their Code of Practice and carry out regular member inspections.

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## O'brien Scaffolding

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In 2016, Kevin & Adam Fulbrook joined the O'briens team to help grow the scaffold division. The brothers felt that they could offer a fresh approach, having worked together in the scaffolding industry with a combined experience of over 30 years, offering their values & expertise on a professional yet personal approach to all of our customers.

We can offer competitive, reliable scaffolding services to a wide range of clients (both residential and commercial) in Bridport and the surrounding area.

Our expertise enables us to quote the correct scaffold for your job. We work to NASC recommendations to ensure the scaffold is designed and erected according to their strict structural requirements.

Our staff are certified Scaffold Inspectors as well as CISRS Experienced Scaffolders, and each build comes with a hand over certificate confirming type of build and recommended weight capacities, these can be designed and built to suit your needs within stringent Health and Safety regulations.

O'brien Scaffolding can work to your programme and offer total flexibility to your hire period extending this if required and carry out adaptations to existing scaffolding should your requirements change.

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For example you are working at height if you:

- are working on a ladder or a flat roof
- could fall through a fragile surface
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Other suitable protection should be used, ie scaffolding.

We have recently installed scaffold alarms to 2 of our largest projects to date and we will be looking to offer this service to all our cus-

tomers, private and commercial if required. It's worth noting that once scaffolding has been erected on your property your contents insurance may become void. The alarm will contact up to three key-holders by telephone and text message when activated, it is armed and disarmed by using remote control from up to 50 meters away (multiple remote controls can be used). There is a built in 130 decibel siren which can be silenced whilst programming the alarm. Although this wouldn't stop your insurance being void it's a very simple solution to help protect your property. Check with your insurance policy/provider for more details.

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Here at The Garden Studios we hope to offer some skills that may help you move with ease through the year, complementary therapies with Julia provide not just body maintenance, but deep relaxation too. We maintain our cars but forget ourselves, time to make a change!

Paul teaches regular yoga classes Monday to Thursday, both daytime and evening. Small classes and lots of individual attention make these gentle flowing classes suit both absolute beginners as well as those with more experience.

Hatha yoga incorporates not only stretches and movement, but breathing techniques and guided relaxation. A specific meditation and guided relaxation class is available too.

Classes are available for all ages, and restrictions too, there is a class for everyone. Tripudio Movement classes are particularly helpful for those that find floor work difficult as we stand and sit but don't lie down, gentle effective stretches, mobilization and low impact exercise to a great mix of music. A DVD The Tripudio Flow, making the right moves is now available for home practice too.

The New Year and Garden Studios introduces exercise outside of the studio with

the introduction of Nordic Walking, watch out for details of a series of beginners walks to learn the technique, fitness walks, gentle walks too. These are 1 hour sessions with specific warm up and cool down exercises utilizing the poles. Garden Studios will provide equipment, groups will be lead by both Julia and Paul.

The Garden Studios are tucked away just behind St Swithans Court, St Swithans Rd. Access is by foot just down the service road, just a few minutes walk from town and town car parks too.

For more details call 01308 538112 or 07734 511287, email [info@gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk](mailto:info@gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk), or visit [www.gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk](http://www.gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk). The Garden Studios is located off St Swithans Road DT6 5DG



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# NEW YEAR

## What's your New Year's resolution? New You



## BIN OR KEEP? THE 2016 WELLBEING TRENDS WE WANT TO STICK AROUND

by Abi Jackson, Press Association

**WATERMELON** - We all carried a watermelon in 2016. Well, those of us who got in on the emerging watermelon juice/water trend did. Yep, move over coconut water (not completely - you're still in pretty high demand), watermelon quenched our thirst and then some this year, topping up our vitamin and potassium levels and aiding in muscle recovery (thanks to its L-citrulline contents) in the process.

**VERDICT:** Keep. It's tasty, simple and a refreshing (no pun intended) addition to the, arguably over-saturated, 'healthy drinks' market.



**HYGGE** - OK, the fact snuggling up somewhere cosy and candlelit, with a soothing hot chocolate or glass of red, makes us feel good is hardly groundbreaking. But it was only this year we officially found a name for the cosy good life's happiness-inducing magic: Hygge. It's always been a way of life for the Danes, and this autumn saw it snuggle into our everyday vocabulary too.

**VERDICT:** Keep! Simple, feel-good and basically achievable every day. What's not to love?

**SEAWEED** - First came 'courgetti', and then 2016 saw an incoming tide of seaweed 'pasta'. There's a lot going for it: it's sustainable, easy to farm, highly nutritious, gluten-free and low-cal - if a tad salty.

**VERDICT:** Keep - BUT it's currently too expensive to make it onto our regular shopping lists (expect to pay almost £6 for a 100g bag, while you can easily get a 500g bag of real pasta for £1).



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**FLAVOURED NUT BUTTER** - The nut butter aisles got a LOT more interesting this year, with palm oil-free brands like Pip and Nut bringing us delights such as Honey Cinnamon Cashew Butter and Coconut Almond Butter. Omega-3 and protein-packed goodness and added flavour.

**VERDICT:** Keep! And Pip & Nut have just announced they're launching 1KG tubs... Happy New Year!

**CLEAN EATING** - Nobody's really sure what it means... Is it just healthy, proper food all made from scratch, no additives etc?! But, haven't people been doing that for, um, ever? And does it only count as 'clean eating' if you post it on social media? Maybe we're missing something but, either way, it's smug, and ain't nothing wrong with a good 'ol dirty burger every once in a while.

**VERDICT:** Bin. #PleaseStop

**WAIST TRAINING** - The Kardashians could post selfies of themselves drenched in cow dung and somebody (read: many) would give it a go, so of course, when they start posting snaps of themselves sporting waist trainers - basically super-tight corsets - and even working out with them on, cue a flurry of copycat attempts to get 'waisted'.

**VERDICTS:** Bin. Sticking the word 'trainer' in the title doesn't change what it is. A corset doesn't promote fat loss or muscle tone. It just squashes you (and your organs).

**SAUNA SUITS** - Always thought the priority with fitness attire was to keep you cool and comfortable during those sweaty workouts? Khloe Kardashian took the opposite approach this summer however, when she shared snaps of herself working out in a 'sauna suit'. The clue's in the name: these 'sweat suits', as they're also known, are designed to make you heat up and perspire more.

**VERDICT:** Bin. Anything that perpetuates the idea it's OK to do daft things in a bid to lose weight fast is just not good. Plus apparently, it's just promoting water loss, which isn't the same as fat loss.

## Osprey Leisure Centre

FOR the fifth year running with no increase in membership charges Osprey Leisure Centre is able to offer monthly membership packages which not only allow all current facilities to be used for as little as £25 per month but also permit either longer term or non contract deals to be purchased. For this price the 3 gym areas can be used and members can swim and enjoy the majority of the class programme for this all inclusive amount. This means that every customer is able to 'get more for less' if they

wish. As well as new fitness equipment, new classes in the fitness programme and brand new indoor cycling classes, kettlebell sessions and combination classes on offer this all adds up to an excellent value package to help people achieve their 2017 fitness goals or give them many options including pay and play to help with New Year resolutions. For more information visit the new leisure centre website or call reception, details available on the adjacent advert.



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# LymeLetters

## Thanks for supporting Rotary

■ I REFER to Philip Evans' Lyme Matters in the *View From Lyme Regis*, December 14th. This is a column I look forward to reading each week, and although I am not always in agreement with the views expressed therein, they are often thought-provoking, sometimes amusing and seek to promote Lyme Regis in a progressive way.

I think I speak for all Rotarians when I say a big thank you for such a well-written, positive article on December 14th about our club and the Rotary movement in general.

Our motto "Service Above Self" is what we are about; we seek to put something back into the communities in which we live and to help other communities around the world which may be less fortunate than ourselves. But we like to have fun doing it, which is why it is such a delight to be asked to help

out at events like the Christmas Pudding Race, and to organise the hugely popular Carols Around the Tree (now in its 57th year!) and the Lyme Lunge.

Rotary gets tremendous support from the Lyme Regis and Charmouth traders and communities, without which we just could not function. Examples are hot soup at the carols and lunge, support from the town band, lunge and golf day programme sponsorship, free use of facilities, free respite accommodation for Somerset flood victims, hot coffee when we are collecting in Broad Street on cold, wet December days... I could go on.

Thank you, *View from Lyme Regis*, for this article and thank you, Lyme Regis and Charmouth, for your support for Rotary over many years.

**John McCallum,**  
*Rotary Club of Lyme Regis*

## Local churches join Christian unity week of prayer

A NUMBER of church services on the theme of 'reconciliation' will be held in Lyme Regis and the surrounding areas during the week of prayer for Christian unity from January 18th to 25th.

Services will be held as follows: Wednesday, January 18th, 10.30am at Lyme Regis Baptist Church; Thursday, January 19th, 7.30pm at Bethany Chapel, Coombe Street, Lyme Regis; Friday, January 20th, 6.30pm at St

Michael's Parish Church in Lyme Regis with Alex Davies playing the organ; Sunday, January 22nd, 10am, Eucharist at St Michael's Parish Church; Monday, January 23rd, 7pm at St Michael & St George Roman Catholic Church, Lyme Regis; Tuesday, January 24th, 4pm at St Gwen's Celtic Orthodox Church in Marshwood; Wednesday, January 25th, 6pm, orthodox prayers at St Michael's Parish Church.

## Marine Theatre to stage community play based on Monmouth Rebellion



AFTER the huge success of last summer's sell-out community play 'The Tempest of Lyme', the Marine Theatre is currently working on a spectacular new production called 'Monmouth'.

The play will be a re-telling of the events of the Monmouth Rebellion, which began on Monmouth Beach in Lyme Regis in 1685 and, for some of the local rebels, also gruesomely ended there.

It is currently being written by Lyme-born scriptwriter Andrew Rattenbury and directed by the theatre's own Clemmie Reynolds - the team that brought to life Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' entwined with the real-life tale of Sir George Somers' shipwreck in Bermuda, which supposedly inspired the tale.

Last summer an audience totalling more than 1,000 people enjoyed the open-air production of 'The Tempest Of Lyme' and the play involved more than 70 local people of all ages with all aspects of the play from performing to music, costumes, props and back-

stage, working with a team of professional theatre directors and musicians.

Director Clemmie Reynolds said: "This year we anticipate 'Monmouth' to be bigger and better than ever! Dozens of locals have already signed up and I am excited to be working again with writer Andrew Rattenbury and in partnership with Arts University Bournemouth placing third year costume and set design students within the production."

In the build-up to the play the Marine has arranged a 'Monmouth Events' series including talks, events and film screenings on the historical background of the play taking place between February and through the spring.

Those interested in getting involved in the production onstage, in music or behind-the-scenes should email Becky at [officeassistant@marinetheatre.com](mailto:officeassistant@marinetheatre.com). Initial casting workshops are due to take place in January 2017.

## View from the churches

2017 is but a few days away - we might well hope that it is a better year than 2016.

Your views about this might well depend upon your views on the European Referendum and the election of President Trump! But we can be united in hoping that those countries suffering from war, such as Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, will become more peaceful in the year ahead. And we can pray that the evil actions of terrorists will be thwarted and groups like Islamic State will realise that violence will never ultimately achieve their objectives.

At our church services on Sunday, January 1st we will be inviting people to not only review the events of 2016, but also look to the year ahead. Yes, it will be time to make our New Year resolutions! At some services we will invite people to write down their resolutions, and even share them publicly, if they wish to. Then we can support each other in the fulfilment of those resolutions over the course of the year.

I hope our resolutions will be more profound than merely to lose a bit of the weight we've put on over Christmas! For example, it could be to volunteer to support a charity or other organisation that is working for the benefit of the local community. As with all good resolutions, there is a benefit that boomerangs back to us as well as the beneficiaries!

All the local churches will be holding their normal Sunday services on New Year's Day, but we will ensure we finish in good time for you to be at the Lyme Lunge!

I offer you a blessing to claim in God's name for the New Year: "God, behind us in the past, before us in the way ahead, and beside us in this moment: May we dare to face life's unsolved questions, holding them until we find the answers, May love flow in us and through us to those who need our care and compassion, May we continue to dream dreams, reaching out to the future lying open before us. In God's name. Amen."

**Reverend Stephen Skinner,**  
*Team Rector of Golden Cap Churches*

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# View 2

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## Cabaret with claws!

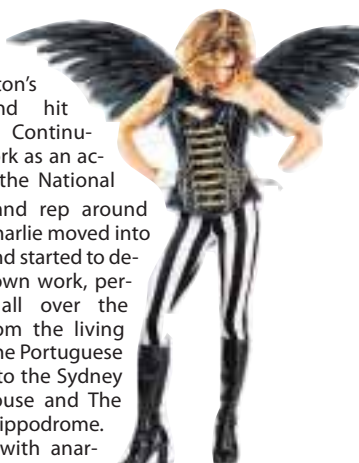
DIVA, TEMPTRESS, vocal sensation and acrobat Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with in this unique cabaret show, touring with Artsreach following high recommendation from audience members.

Charlie first became a household name playing Delilah in BBC2's 'This Life', and subsequently

starred as Scout in Ben Elton's West End hit 'Popcorn'. Continuing to work as an actress for the National Theatre and rep around the UK, Charlie moved into cabaret and started to devise her own work, performing all over the world; from the living room of the Portuguese Embassy to the Sydney Opera House and The London Hippodrome.

Packed with anarchy, wit and comic ingenuity, Charlie performs songs ranging from Tim Minchin to Meatloaf, Jacques Brel to Bond, and darkly humorous originals which include acrobatic antics! Described by The Observer as "A one woman weapon of mass distraction...kicking, thriving, surprising, shocking and always delighting", Charlie is accompanied by an exceptional pianist. Expect a magnificent evening's entertainment full of darkly comic, twisted songs and theatrical flair! Be aware, this show is suitable for those ages 15+.

Charlie Bicknell performs at Powerstock Hut on Friday, January 20th at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 485264 or visit [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)



## This week's new cinema

### COLLATERAL <sup>12A</sup>

Retreating from life after a tragedy, a man questions the universe by writing to Love, Time and Death. Receiving unexpected answers, he begins to see how these things interlock and how even loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.

Stars Will Smith, Edward Norton and Kate Winslet.

### WHY HIM? <sup>15</sup>

A HOLIDAY gathering threatens to go off the rails when Ned Fleming realizes that his daughter's Silicon Valley billionaire boyfriend boyfriend is about to pop the question.

Stars Zoey Deutch, James Franco and Bryan Cranston.

### MONSTER TRUCKS <sup>PG</sup>

LOOKING for any way to get away from the life and town he was born into, Tripp (Lucas Till), a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars. After an accident at a nearby oil-drilling site displaces a strange and subterranean creature with a taste and a talent for speed, Tripp may have just found the key to getting out of town and a most unlikely friend.

Stars Lucas Till, Jane Levy and Rob Lowe.

### MARAUDERS <sup>15</sup>

When a bank is hit by a brutal heist, all evidence points to the owner and his high-powered clients. But as a group of FBI agents dig deeper into the case - and the deadly heists continue - it becomes clear that a larger conspiracy is at play.

Stars Bruce Willis, Christopher Meloni and Dave Bautista.

## Cinema Listings

Fri, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - Thu, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>  
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# View 2 Diary Dates

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### UNTIL JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

**LYME REGIS:** The Christmas Art Exhibition is a festive show of recent 2D and 3D work by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts. It is full of inspiring and enticing paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, ideal for that special Christmas present. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU [www.townmillarts.co.uk](http://www.townmillarts.co.uk)

**LYME REGIS:** Pop Up Vintage is the sixth annual showcase for the up-cycling work of Jan Calow and Mandy Wiscombe, who spend all year sourcing, making, repairing, cleaning and renovating their stock of competitively priced vintage gifts, highly suitable for Secret Santas. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU [www.townmillarts.co.uk](http://www.townmillarts.co.uk)

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

**EYPE, BRIDPORT:** West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre. A Musical Celebration of the Christmas Season' with speaker Sarah Deere-Jones. 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

**MARTINSTOWN:** Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

**DORCHESTER:** HMP Dorchester Reunion at the Trinity Club, 7pm til midnight. Live music, disco, raffle and buffet. All former employees welcome. Tickets available on a first come first served basis and are £5 per head, payable in advance. For more details and tickets please email [dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com)

**DORCHESTER:** Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** 2016 New Year's Eve Disco Party at The Beehive, 9pm to 2am. £5 admission, ROAR. Fancy dress optional. Ticketline 07788 943220. All proceeds to Weldon Hospicecare Trust.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**DORCHESTER:** The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when Tony Tester will give a talk on Uganda Conservation. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

**WEYMOUTH:** Charity Jazz Night for the British Legion. Royal Dorset Yacht Club, 11 Custom House Quay, Weymouth. 8.30 - 11.00pm. Tickets £10 available on the night or in advance from the yacht club or by calling on Jenny on 07854 500 839. No need to be member to attend!

**BRIDPORT:** Celebrate Twelfth Night with entertainment from Tinker's Cuss Band and the Symonds-bury Mummers at Bridport Town Hall, from 7.30pm. In aid of Bridport Millennium Green. Tickets £7 (members £6) to include seasonal food and drink, from Sue Wilkinson, 01308 425037.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Ceilidhs starts the New Year with a bang - and The Chris Toyne Band plus caller Gill Spence. Forget the Christmas pies, get out the dance shoes and come along to Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11pm dance. Tickets £9 on the door, but cheaper in advance at £8 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or online; or book by phone on 01308 423 442 or email [monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk). See the website for more details and how to buy online: [www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com)

### MONDAY JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

**BEAMINSTER:** Moviola presents 'Absolutely Fabulous the movie' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no

steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / [biondanza-bridport.co.uk](http://biondanza-bridport.co.uk)

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and frequently on last Mondays of the month live music with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available giving admission at £2.50, otherwise £3.00. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. (Also on 16th, and 23rd)

### SUNDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pachelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT:** West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Chris Ireland-Jones on 'Bulbs for All Seasons'.

### MONDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / [biondanza-bridport.co.uk](http://biondanza-bridport.co.uk)

### SATURDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

**WOOTTON FITZPAINE:** Nick Hennessey and Suunta - Fire in the North Sky. At Wootton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £9, under 18 £7, family £28. Self service box office at the Charmouth Practice, info 01297 560872.

### MONDAY JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Folk Dance Club's last Monday of the month, with Chris Toyne providing their music, at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on guest band nights. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / [biondanza-bridport.co.uk](http://biondanza-bridport.co.uk)

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**BUCKLAND NEWTON:** Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT:** West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

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**Saturday 7 Jan**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

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## Folk stars Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman for Dorset tour

CROWNED winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo in both 2013 and again in 2016, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have long established themselves as one of the UK folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships. Now this spring the duo embark on a four date Dorset tour through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Yvonne Gallimore, Artsreach Co Director, said "Working with the support of our partners Blanchards Bailey, it's always exciting to bring a new act to Dorset as part of the Artsreach programme. Given the popularity of folk music in the region, and the national acclaim this duo have, I'm certain tickets are going to be in high demand!"

Whether on stage or in the recording studio, Sean Lakeman is a tour-de-force of modern folk music. The eldest of the 3 'Lakeman Brothers', Sean has played the guitar since the age of six and was recognized at an early age as one of the most promising guitarists around. Sean has famously orchestrated the sound of his younger brother 'Seth', producing his most successful albums and scooping many awards. As well as producing all four Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman albums his production credits include some of the biggest names in British folk and folk-rock, including Levellers, Seth Lakeman, Frank Turner, Billy Bragg, Imelda May, Bellowhead, Rev Hammer and Show of

Hands.

A lauded singer, one of the finest of her generation, Kathryn is held in the highest regard by peers and music fans alike. An early duo career with Kate Rusby led to much critical acclaim and an award-winning album, along with Kathryn being the first singer to win the revered BBC Young Tradition award.

Many years fronting folk-pop band Equation band saw Kathryn grace exotic stages all over the world. Four acclaimed albums and a 'Best Duo' award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards followed their return to their English folk roots scene, and has helped them cement a formidable reputation at the very forefront

of British contemporary folk music.

The duo play at the Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor on Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm (call 01308 867644 for more details), and Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on Sunday, January 15th at 4pm (01300 348247).



Sean Lakeman and Kathryn Roberts

## Boogie Woogie with Bob Hall at the Jazz Café

CRITICALLY acknowledged as Britain's nest blues and boogie pianist, Bob Hall came to fame in the rhythm 'n' blues explosion of the sixties, as a founder member of The Groundhogs. He has played with many of the greats including Alexis Korner, Spencer Davis, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf and Chuck Berry. He appears with Hilary Blythe who provides crystal-clear vocals and rock-steady bass. Both are multi-instrumentalists who present a unique show which ventures beyond boogie to include homespun folk songs and blues, old-time country and gospel. Bob Hall plays at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Cafe on Friday, January 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)



Bob Hall

## Harman in Harmony

JO HARMAN is an award winning vocalist, songwriter and band leader who has performed at some of Europe's most prestigious venues, and she will be performing live at Dorchester Corn Exchange in February.

The Daily Mirror called her "the finest female soul blues vocalist in the U" and Huey Morgan (Fun Lovin Criminals) said on his Radio 2 programme: "sometimes you hear a voice that leaves you speechless...I am".

Jo has also been asked to perform at a number of high profile events including Amnesty's International's Ambassador of Conscience Awards in Berlin where she performed for, and with, Joan Baez and Patti Smith. In 2014 she was won 'Female Vocalist of the Year' at the British Blues Awards and was runner up in the 'Songwriter of the Year' category.

In her live show, Jo performs a mixture of her own compositions and covers, ranging from hard rock to heart melting ballads – all performed with utter conviction alongside her first rate band.

Jo Harman and her band play

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**W**ITH the end of 2016 fast approaching, I thought it would be fitting to appraise my adventures in theatreland over the last 12 months. It's been an epic year, as I've visited over 30 amateur shows and around 150 different professional productions. I've revisited some of my favourite long running musicals, including Wicked (which I watched eight times), Kinky Boots (five times) and The Phantom of the Opera (just twice!). I have also met and interviewed around 50 celebrities of varying degrees of fame including Sir Ian

McKellen (intelligent and imposing), Catherine Tate (frosty), David Hasselhoff (bizarre) and one of my musical theatre idols, Ruthie Henshall, who was an absolute delight. The highlight however, was when I got to have coffee with some of the real Calendar Girls, who were promoting a new musical based on their story, which has been written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth and will open in the West End early next year. I was taken with how passionate they are about the charity they set up over 18 years ago to raise money for victims of blood cancer and

their families - truly inspirational.

I also caught some new shows including Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (awesome, but I had a nap), Dreamgirls (superb), Half a Sixpence (glorious) and Aladdin (heart-warming) plus a few, which have already been and gone like Groundhog Day, Guys and Dolls, Funny Girl, and Mrs. Henderson Presents.

I've seen straight plays, comedies, circus, one man shows, two handers, Shakespeare and some fully staged extravaganzas, but I have to say it's still the musicals, which are my real source of joy, with shows like Kinky Boots, The Book of Mormon and Mamma Mia!, always worth a visit if you are feeling low.

If I had to choose my favourite, it is still Wicked however; the musical which follows the witches of OZ and offers everything I want from a night out at the theatre. I'll be sneaking along to the Apollo Victoria theatre to see it next week for the 21st time!

From the plethora of local talent I have been very fortunate to witness this year I would have to choose Colyton Theatre Group's Cinderella

as my top production; hilariously funny, well directed and not too self-indulgent (something which is often an issue with non-professional shows).

2017 will offer another theatrical feast for audiences in the local area, with both Lyme Regis Pantomime Society and Axminster Drama Club presenting their takes on Robinson Crusoe at the beginning of the year. Cudos in Crewkerne are promising an extravaganza with their pantomime Rapunzel and the Membury Merry-makers are putting on Pandora's Box The Pantomime in their village hall. Other highlights will include Bridport Musical Theatre Company's Showstoppers, Axminster Musical Theatre's Magic of the Musicals, Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's presentation of the classic musical comedy Thoroughly Modern Millie and Axminster Drama Club Youth's production of the heart-breaking Blood Brothers in July.

In London, there are hundreds of Off-West Shows, which are set to be big hits next year including The Wild Party at The Other Palace (which stars my dear friend and Tony Award win-



Colyton's performance of Cinderella is a local highlight from the last 12 months

ner Frances Ruffelle), Stephen Sondheim's Frogs at the Jermyn Street Theatre and Burt Bacharach's Promises, Promises at Southwark Playhouse. The big West End openings include The Girls, Follies, An American in Paris, 42nd Street and Stepping Out, which boasts an all-star cast including Amanda

Holden and Tamsin Outhwaite (I watched the play when it was on tour and I wasn't impressed!). The biggest opening of the year however, will be Hamilton at the Victoria Palace; an American musical, which has taken the world by storm and promises to be the West End's hot ticket next Christmas.

I've still got a couple more shows to fit in before the end of the year with the cult musical Rent and the David Bowie musical Lazarus on my schedule.

With so many shows to see next year, I'm not sure how I will find the time. Well, that's not really true, as my theatre addiction will ensure I

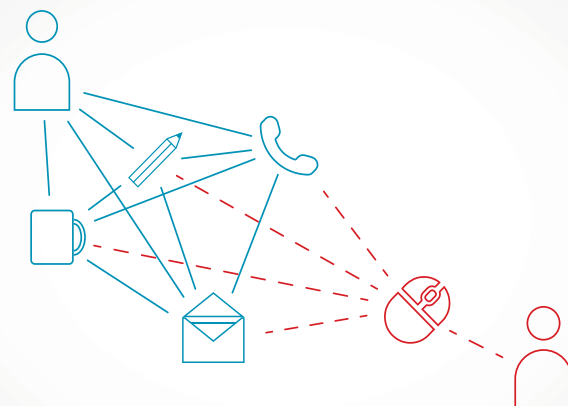
fill as many of the 525600 minutes (it's a lyric from Rent!) of 2017 with theatre as I can.

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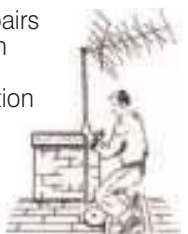
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## The BMW 530e iPerformance Saloon

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IN MARCH 2017, a plug-in hybrid variant of the all new BMW 5 Series will complete the 5 Series range. Featuring technology derived directly from the BMW i brand, the BMW 530e iPerformance Saloon offers a dynamic driving experience with exceptionally efficient performance as well as all-electric mobility with zero tailpipe emissions, as and when required.

The intelligently controlled interaction between the combustion engine and the electric drive, which together generate a total system output of 252hp, gives the BMW 530e Saloon rapid acceleration while offering a substantial reduction in fuel consumption and emissions. The BMW 530e achieves combined fuel consumption of 141.2mpg, and a combined electricity consumption of 9.2kWh with CO2 emissions of just 46g/km.

### Power delivery on a par with a high-displacement combustion engine.

The BMW eDrive system's state-of-the-art electric motor has an output of 95hp and maximum torque of 250Nm, while the four-cylinder combustion engine with its 2.0-litre displacement generates 184hp and 320Nm of torque. The overall system output of 252hp and combined peak torque of 420Nm allows the BMW 530e to sprint from zero to 62mph in 6.2 seconds

and enable it to reach a top speed of 146mph while CO2 emissions of the BMW 530e are just 46g/km.

The BMW 530e iPerformance has a range of nearly 400 miles in real-world driving and is capable of covering distances of up to 29 miles using purely electric power at a maximum speed of 87mph. The electric motor and combustion engine direct their power to the saloon's rear wheels via the standard eight-speed Steptronic transmission. Positioning the electric motor upstream from the transmission allows the transmission's ratios to be used in all-electric mode too. This dispenses with the need for a torque converter, reducing the overall weight of the vehicle.

The high-voltage battery pack, consisting of lithium-ion cells with a total capacity of 9.2kWh, has been placed in a space-saving location underneath the rear seat and includes efficient refrigerant cooling with a highly integrated low-temperature circuit. Thanks to the battery's neat installation, the BMW 530e Saloon offers 410 litres of boot capacity and a flat load compartment floor. The high-voltage battery of the BMW 530e Saloon can be fully charged in under five hours from a standard domestic power socket and in under three hours if it is hooked up to a

BMW iWallbox (3.7 kW charging capacity).

### BMW eDrive adapts and anticipates

As well as the Driving Experience Control switch, with its SPORT, COMFORT and ECO PRO settings, drivers will also find an eDrive button at their disposal. This lets them tailor the BMW eDrive system's operation even more precisely to the journey ahead through three driving modes: AUTO eDRIVE, MAX eDRIVE and BATTERY CONTROL.

AUTO eDRIVE ensures that the engine and electric motor interact to optimum effect in all driving situations and allows an all-electric top speed of 56mph. This mode is automatically activated as the default setting every time the vehicle is started. When MAX eDRIVE mode is selected, the BMW 530e Saloon drives on electric power alone. To do so, it uses the electric drive's full power and can attain a maximum speed of 87mph. However, if the accelerator is pressed through to kickdown the engine will cut in, which is handy should an extra boost of power be desired – when overtaking, for example.

BATTERY CONTROL mode lets the driver set the charge level for the high-voltage battery manually. The target value can be adjusted to between 30 and 100 per cent of maximum charge, allowing that pro-

portion of the battery's capacity to be reserved for all-electric driving at a later point in the journey. The intelligent battery management of the BMW 530e Saloon either keeps the high-voltage battery's charge constant at the selected level or increases it to the pre-set value, with the electric motor acting as a generator. In this way, BATTERY CONTROL mode

makes it possible to conserve or even increase the reserves of electric power while travelling on the motorway, for example, in order to ensure that an upcoming section through an urban area can be covered with zero local emissions.

The BMW 530e is available to order from mid-January and OTR prices start at £43,985.



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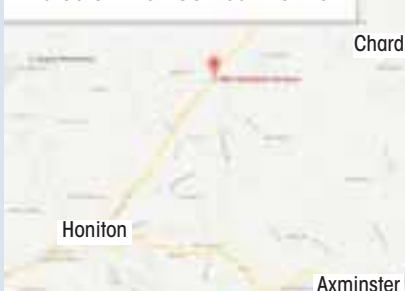
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At Poole, Mike Parsons, Ken Giles, Stephen Grier and Brian Rumble won 19-16 for two points, with Barry Mason, Ken Enticott, Ken Sanger and Chris Thorne going down 23-10 to even the score.

At Bridport Mike Long, Mike Higman, Keith Brooks and Bob Taylor had a fine 20-10 win to even up the overall total and give Bridport another two points.

With Brian Baker, Dave Roberts, Bill Payne and Brian Conisbee leading 14-10 with two ends left, Bridport had the extra eight points for overall win in the bag.

Unfortunately when Bill Payne looked to have played the perfect wood to put the jack in the ditch for a winning count, the jack bounced off a Dolphin bowl to give them four shots to level the scores.

However, worse was to follow, when on the last end, Conisbee trailed the jack with his last wood. It looked perfect, but to everyone's amazement the jack veered to two Dolphin bowls to leave Bridport beaten 63-65 overall. Meanwhile, there have been no dramas in the Ladies County League where Bridport have been racking up the point.

At DORCHESTER Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick and Margaret

Clapp dropped a late seven count to lose 22-24 but Pam Daters, Millie Meech, Margaret Pestelle and Sue Walsh won 23-20 to give Bridport six of the available eight points.

At home to MOON-FLEET, Daters, Meech, Pestelle and Nola Stevens lost 20-23, but with Francis Hewett, Taylor, Cornick and Clapp winning 27-11, Bridport secured another six points.

#### Axminster

with David Harris

THE Over 60s men's team were unlucky to lose 74-73 in their Devon League match against SIDMOUTH. Our winning rinks were the away team of Brian Cursley, David Harris, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne (28-11) and the home team of Town Elliott, Alan Nabbaro, Eric Skeemer & Norman Denslow (20-12).

The Ladies were also beaten 54-39 at home by SIDMOUTH in a friendly despite the efforts of Daphne Ryan, Sue Bond & Judith Moffitt (20-19).

In the mixed friendlies we started with a good 73-39 home win over Bridport with wins on all rinks; Mo Brown, Margaret Brown, Ann Clayton & Margaret Crompton (35-12), Gill Campbell, Alan Foster, Jean Kesterton & Brian Clark (21-13) and Philippa White, Ann Burn, Pam Hunter & Derek Pheby (17-14).

We then lost 66-44 at YEOVIL with no winners and 71-52 at home to Madeira with Mo Brown, Glen Elliott, John Hill & Ann Clayton (21-18) our only winning rink. Finally, we beat OTTERY ST MARY 78-48 at home with wins for Philippa White, Marion Harris, Neil Solomon & Roger Legg (35-7) and Sue Bond, David Harris, Ann Clayton & Derek Pheby (24-19).

## School Sports - Cross Country

### Colfox cross country teams excel



◆ **UNBEATABLE:** Colfox Year 7 Boys who won the team title in the recent South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships pictured with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (left) and Headteacher David Herbert



◆ **GREAT FUTURE:** Colfox Year 7 Girls with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (right) and Headteacher David Herbert after winning the team title

## Swimming

### Pullinger breaks 27 second freestyle barrier

A SQUAD of 35 swimmers represented Chard & District Swimming Club in the final round of the West-ern Division National Swimming League held recently at Millfield School.

Chard fought another tough round against several larger south-west clubs, and achieved seventh place overall with 25 personal best times and 12 top three positions in the 50 events.

Special mention goes to 18-year-old Jamie Pullinger who achieved the club's Gold Speed Badge for swimming 50m freestyle in under 27 seconds.

Seven swimmers achieved Individual top three places:

Open: Hannah Pullinger 20, 3rd 100m

freestyle

15/Under: Henry Taswell, 15, 1st 100m backstroke and 2nd 100m bfly, Xanthe Dyer 14, 3rd 100m breast, Leo Kindred 15, 3rd 100m breast

13/Under: Millie Downes 13, 3rd 100m back and 3rd 100m free

11/Under: Grace Lambert 11, 1st 50m breast and 1st 50m bfly, Mia Porter 11, 3rd 50m back.

The relay teams also showed some determined swimming, with two top three positions achieved by the nine-11 years Girls Medley team of Esme Huntley, Mia Porter, Grace Lambert and Alice Clark (1st place) and the 13 and under Girls Medley team of Mia Huntley, Briana Barrand, Abi

Greenslade and Millie Downes (3rd place).

**Full team: Girls:** Hannah Pullinger, Sophie Jones, Hope Horsfield, Flo Swan, Xanthe Dyer, Megan Herbert, Briana Barrand, Millie Downes, Abi Greenslade, Mia Huntley, Harriet Copeman, Holly Bigger, Esme Huntley, Mia Porter, Kaitlyn Flannigan, Grace Lambert, Alice Clark.

**Boys:** Jay Kindred, Jamie Pullinger, Leo Kindred, Iain Ross, Ben Greenslade, Henry Taswell, Simon Davis, Joss Copeman, Oliver Bright, Louis Rood, Jimmy Brett, Jamie Porter, Louis Whittome, Ben Webb, Freddie Coles, Lyndon Smith, Harrison Larcombe and Jack Morgan.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for their performance and determined swim-

ming, and a big thank you to all the Club coaches, officials, team managers, and timekeepers.

**Swimmers of the Month** are LOUIS ROOD, 13 and KAITLYN FLANNIGAN, 10 for gaining the most improvement points in recent galas.

If you are aged six plus, can swim 25m (one length) confidently in front crawl, have reasonable skills in two other strokes and are interested in competitive swimming, visit [www.Chardswimmingclub.org.uk](http://www.Chardswimmingclub.org.uk) for more information about the club and coming along for a free trial.

Sessions are held at Flamingo Pool, Axminster, Cresta Pool Chard and Aqua Centre at Crewkerne.

## Lyme Crib

**Results (December 19th);**  
Talbot Arms 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Gerrard Arms 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, Lamb Swans 3 Nags Head 2, New Inn Kilm B 1 Charlie's Angels 4, Axminster Con Club 2 Dolphin Beer 3.

**Beer League;** Talbot Arms 1 Ship Inn LR 2, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Lamb Swans 1 Nags Head 2, New Inn Kilm B 3 Charlie's Angels 0, Axminster Con Club 3 Dolphin Beer 0.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	14	43
Gerrard Arms	14	38
Ship Inn, LR	14	37
Axminster Con Club	14	35
New Inn Kilm A	13	34
Charlie's Angels	14	34
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	12	33
Lamb Swans	14	33
Dolphin, Beer	13	32
Stapps	13	31
New Inn Kilm B	13	20

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	14	27
New Inn Kilm B	13	23
Stapps	13	23
Axminster Con Club	14	22
Charlie's Angels	14	22
Lamb Swans	14	21
Gerrard Arms	14	20
Ship Inn, LR	14	19
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	12	16
Dolphin, Beer	13	14
New Inn Kilm A	13	14

## Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Roudson Club	9	18
Nags Head A	7	14
Clockadoodleo	9	12
Royal Standard	8	10
Hunters Lodge	8	8
Talbot Arms	6	8
Rock Point A	5	8
Nags Z	8	7
Four Play	8	7
Cobb Arms	8	7
Janners	9	2
Half an Octopus	9	2
See you Next Thurs	6	0

180s: T.Prowse 3, B.Grainger

& T.Young both 2, eight players x1.

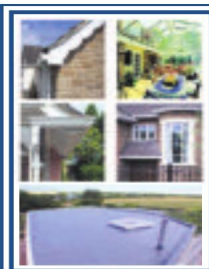
## Bridport Skittles

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	5	10
Denhay	5	8
Rockets	5	8
Rough Eight	5	8
Masters	5	6
Rejects	5	6
Broad oak	5	4
Bangers	5	4
Wanderers	5	4
Nelson Noddies	5	2
Slingers	5	2
U Know the Blokes	5	2
Lively Lads	5	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	5	10
Countrymen	4	6
The Dingles	5	5
Outsiders	4	5
Bangers	5	4
Castouts	5	4
Dingbats	4	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Survivors	5	4
Aussies Lot	5	2
Originals	4	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics	5	10
NBC	5	10
LHS	5	8
Wickers	5	8
Brandy Snaps	5	6
Pioneers	5	6
Groundhogs	4	2
Stingers	5	2
Unknowns	5	2
Whiskey Chasers	5	2
Yo Yo's	5	2
Bulldogs	3	0

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	5	10
Alleycats	5	8
Featherbeds	5	8
Strawpeedoes	5	8
Let em Roll	5	6
BFC	5	4
Firebirds	5	4
Offcuts	5	4
Bad Girls	5	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Pinbashers	4	2



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## INSIDE: Local festive sport round-up

# Four promotions on the horizon in May?



◆ **TOP SCORER:** Pete Peacock has scored 21 goals this season.  
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

AS 2016 draws to a close it's time to assess where the region's football teams are placed at effectively the halfway point of the current season.

**LYME REGIS** have enjoyed immediate success with back-to-back promotions after moving up into the Devon & Exeter League back in August 2014 and there appears to be no reason why The Seaside cannot make that three in row.

They currently sit in fourth place in Division Two but, with games in hand, on the top three remain in the running for a top three finish.

The loss of 175-goal striker Joe Bond who is away travelling was a blow to Manager Robin Townsend and his experienced coaching pairing of Steve Crabb and Mark Lock. But the goalscoring duties have been shared

around and this has not been a major problem.

The major plus has been the emergence of a trio of talented teenagers in midfielders Kieren Daniel and Cody Bowditch, Kingsley Wellman who has shown steady improvement in the back four and Rhys Hayter whose fitness and pace are improving and is beginning to lead the front line in imposing fashion.

Lyme currently have three home and seven away games remaining. These include key battles at home and away against title favourites Cronies FC and second placed Colyton.

The team pulled one of their greatest cup victories ever witnessed at the Davey Fort in beating Premier Division outfit Heavitree United 2-1 in the East Devon Senior Cup earlier this

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month.

Their progress will be tested by an even sterner test away at Premier Division title-chasers Newtown in the quarter final.

**LYME REGIS RESERVES** are also well placed in their quest for promotion from the D&E Division Six. The key to their success will be their form at the Davey Fort where they still have to play 10 of their 13 remaining matches.

Gerard Hitchcock's team currently have the best defence in the Division while the goals are starting to flow at the other end with form of strikers Fred Parsons and Dec Ellis.

There is also the added incen-

tive of Football Express Cup home quarter final against Division Five side Whipton & Pinhoe who recently had five players sent off in a league game at Millwey Rise!

It was always going to be a season of consolidation for the reformed **LYME REGIS ROVERS** but the Seaside's third string has already exceeded expectations under new manager Terry White.

They are currently perched in mid-table in the Perry Street League Division three and are playing with a smile brought on by 12 games that have yielded 87 goals - for and against - with striker Pete Peacock having plundered 21 already.

It's been a stop-start season for **UPLYME** who broke the club's 92-year-old scoring record in beating South Petherton 14-1 and held title contender Merriott Rovers to

a 2-2 draw. But inconsistency has also brought some below par performances and points on the board early in the New Year are must if they are to avoid being dragged into a PSDL Division One relegation battle.

No such problems for the club's Reserve team who looked destined for a top-two finish.

A sprinkling of promising youngsters have formed the backbone to a fine first half to the season and it will be a surprise if Stu Wooster's side are not playing Division Two football next season.

Over at Barrs Lane, **CHARMOUTH** will have been reinvigorated by a 5-1 drubbing of previously unbeaten Chard Rangers and manager Kev Pratt will feel his side can kick on and challenge for a top three finish in Division Two.

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